ware in Hindi and promoting multilingual word processing facilities.

(b) and (c) As a follow-up action on the report, the Department of Electronics has initiated diploma courses in computer applications (DCA) in Hindi medium at nine institutions. A teachers training programme for training of teachers has been initiated at one of these institutions. About 20 technology development projects have been supported for developing information technology tools in Hindi and other Indian languages. Writing of books in Hindi is being encouraged. Computer terminology in Hindi has been finalised. A Graphics and Intelligence based Systems Technology (GIST) which provides facility for transliteration among different Indian Languages, has been transferred to industry for productioning. GIST Card/ Terminal has been found very useful in conducting laboratory exercises.

About 400 students have already completed DCA course in Hindi. Currently, the output is over 200 Students per year. About 20 teachers have already undergone intensive course in computers. About 10 text books on computers have been prepared in Hindi medium. Dot-matrix printers and Line-matrix printers are also available for printing in Indian scripts.

Location of electronic units in Andhra Pradesh

*387. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the proposals under Government's consideration for location of electronic units in Andhra Pradesh ; and

(b) since when these have been pending and what is the present status of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON) : (a) and (b) The Department of Electronics encourages the setting up of electronic industries throughout the country in all relevant sectors of electronics. The concerned State Government or agencies like the State Electronics Development Corporations (SEDCs) provide some facilities and promotional incentives for setting up of specific industrial units in the State. The Department of Electronics also gives necessary guidance and approvals/ licenses etc. Department of Eletronics also provides financial assistance for projects in areas such as manpower development, education, quality control, testing and standardisation, R&D in electronics etc. A total of Industrial Licences, 90 Letters of Intent and 77 Registrations have been issued for setting up units for manufacture of electronic products in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

A composite proposal for expansion of capacity and foreign collaboration from M/s. Andhra Pradesh Electronics Development Corporation (APEDC) which was registered by SIA on 11.4.1986 for manufacture of Colour Picture Tubes was not accepted by the Government of India. The decision was conveyed *vide* letter dated 14-10-88. M/s. APEDC represented against this decision *vide* their letter dated 9-12-88. Meanwhile, the collaborator of M/s. APEDC, namely. M/s Philips, Holland informed the Government of India that they have withdrawn their offer of collaboration with M/s APEDC and have terminated all its past arrangements with APEDC for technology transfer for manufacture of colour picture tubes. A letter dated 3rd February, 90 has been received from Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh regarding this proposal and the matter is under examination.